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If our friends who favor us with manuscripts for her must in all cases send stamps for that purpose

An Invitation to the Commanders of Ships.

The correspondent who modestly conhe signed himself merely as "Mariner" saked us the other day to be kind enough men in favor of the lock type of canal as the rival. for Panama.

proper or pregnant suggestion.

has even reached this office. A generwaits occupation by the navigators, either of the merchant marine or of the naval service, whom the able arguments ALTRED NOBLE'S programme have conrinced of the practical superiority of be look system to the sea level water-

way for the passage of the Isthmus. To the sea captains who represent to sea level.

What the Others May Think.

So far the Castro episode has furnished a vast amount of satisfaction. not unmixed with merriment, to the civilized world. The situation as we understand it is that the Powers, having succeeded in arranging their various quarrels with Venezuela during Cas-TRO's absence in Europe, are now averse quieted down to their taste.

had been indicted and would be arrested of his office. and criminally prosecuted if he set it whence he could reach Venezuela revolt warrant. at his leisure. So England refused him captivity.

the Spanish American republics in opportunity for successful rehabilitathis hemisphere thinking about these tion will be lessened. somewhat brusque interferences in the affairs of a member of their own family. and above all what is their feeling | The triumph of the scout cruiser toward the United States, at once their | Chester in the twenty-four hour run with actually inspired these remarkable in previous trials had always been found. It might not be a bad guess that the proceedings? We hear from Washing- in the rear, her reciprocating marine best thing the Democratic party could ishment and discontent. The head of with the Curtis (American) turbines of country would be to shut up, try and the Bureau of American Republics is the Salem and the Parsons (English) tur- stand from under its record, keep up giving a banquet to-night to the South bines of the Chester. The longer the the sign "Democratic principles," and and Central American potentates, and run the more the Chester (American built refuse under torture to say what Demovarious high dignitaries of the Wash- in every part, although using the English cratic principles among so many, and of beverages the gala countenance alone miles, to 26.22 for the Chester and 25.34 tion of power, by the absence of intelliquence and music will submerge all run the Chester gained, being credited too free hand in expenditures, in which a firebrand. Let it be assumed that hour, and the Salem 4,051 pounds. his return to Venezuela would be fol- The trial on Tuesday of this week was parents of Democratic victory. Mean-

we really know of their feeling in the oremises:

at present. Adventurous corporations see their harvests in plain view, and the paragraphers are having all manner of fun as they explode their pretty little squibs. But the same brand that has DAILY, Per Month...... 80 50 been put upon Castro may be fastened 6 00 on any other President as the need or SUNDAY, Per Year...... 2 00 | the caprice may urge; and who can say | class of 17,250 tons normal displacement | that most of the Democratic Senators | high level. DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Year 8 00 that the Spanish American republics are not considering this possibility?

At Constantinople.

The challenge to the power of the Young Turk, for so the revolt and mutiny of troops at Constantinople must be in a measure considered, comes not as an unexpected result of the authority London office, Effingham House, 1 Arundel that the party has swayed in the Ottoman Empire. That a body of men, patriots though they may have been, could in a bloodless revolution destroy the worst features of the old régime stop war in Macedonia and accomplish a most radical change in government without affronting the European Powers gave evidence of strength that would alarm their political enemies as well as give an assuring faith in their own ability.

Whether the challenge came from a reactionary source, implying that Turkey after less than a year's trial does not want a constitutional government, or coaled a name of the highest distinction from a rival for political honors, is a and a vast maritime experience when speculation of considerable interest. The despatches from Constantinople seem to indicate the latter as the source, to print a few letters from seafaring and the rapidly growing Liberal party

The dangers that beset the Young In the course of the interesting Battle Turks were always interesting features of the Levels there has been no more of the situation. They had not only to steer clear of besetting political, racial THE SUN will respond with alacrity and religious difficulties, but also to to "Mariner's" request when it has the exercise supreme moderation and rewherewithal. We have not yet printed straint. That their later qualities have any letters of that sort because none not always been exercised the fact of the crystallization of the opposition in ous portion of the space at our disposal the strong Liberal party has been pointed out as evidence.

One of the individuals whose course seems to have given particular offence of the engineers committed to Mr. is AHMED RIZA, who was considered other method, advertises or publishes any the head and front of the Young Turkey party and whose masterful manipulation of its interests in Paris won it foreign favor. At the time he declared that he would accept no favors from the State, or upon the result of any lot, chance, the class which will use the canal for the new Government, but would remain casualty, unknown or contingent event whatsoall time after it has been completed we merely a citizen. He however not only ever, wheresoever the same may occur, or who offer with pleasure the hospitality of our accepted everything that was offered either before or after such trial, contest or event bolumns for the expression of their sen- him, but, declares the opposition, attiments in approval of the lock plan tempted to rule Turkey through the formation, account or report concerning the and their protests against any change party as autocratically as ever did the

arose over the dismissal of Kiamil given or prognostications made concerning the that we should all stand proudly to-Pasha, a man in whose patriotism Turks | same, or who advertises or publishes any advice apparently trusted and who was used as to such betting odds, or which is designed to by the Young Turks as one of their chiefs | facilitate poolselling, bookmaking or the making in the revolution last year. The Liberal of bets or wagers upon such trial, contest or press, especially the Serbesti, was most result, is guilty of a misdemeanor." bitter in its attacks upon AHMED RIZA and outspoken in defence of KIAMIL publishing trade to the provisions of to the return of the traveller, appre- pronunciamento hurling back charges highly respectable head of a highly rehending that he will resume the Presi- at the body that had dismissed him and spectable publishing house will be liable dency or organize a revolution, and in declaring that the rule of the commit- to prosecution and may be sent to a either event introduce a régime of un- tee was endangering the future of the penitentiary or county jail for a year rest and agitation just as things have country. Clashes between the two par- and fined \$500 if he dares to publish was rolled over and severely mauled. I may add to be the consideration but a property of moral and ready at half a hundred places with meals to of the Serbesti was killed at the door event, such as a race, a prizefight or that the owner of the buildog took little trouble material value as well. No question of at prices from ten to thirty cents apiece.

foot on Venezuelan soil, but this solu- arose into prominence another and even result. tion of the difficulty does not seem to more radical party, a league of the Mo- The publication of memoirs containhave commended itself to the Powers. hammedan unions. The extreme meas- ing references to famous bets will be-Castro set sail for home notwithstand- ures advocated by the Young Turks, come a dangerous business. ing the indictment and the threatened sharing the Government with Chrisproceedings, and from that moment tians of the empire and permitting them sages in a number of interesting histhe hostile nations were busy with to bear arms, were offensive to many of torical narratives will be necessary if alternative expedients. Plainly they the older and conservative Moslems, they are to be sold in this State. were unwilling to leave Venezuela to This repugnance was increased by the The intimate stories of the lives of

on Venezuelan territory if they had been into quite a formidable opposition. It is ers and venders are to escape the long agely they will attack a perfectly unoffending willing; and quite as plainly they agreed very likely that it is this activity that arm of the law. to bar him from the Western Hemi- has given a reactionary complexion sphere altogether or from any part of greater than these early stages of the of our legislators continue to inspire The revolt comes at a particularly admiration.

stopping place on any of her West unfortunate time, when a speedy and Indian possessions, France promptly happy termination is most desired not followed suit, Denmark and the Neth- only for friends of New Turkey but erlands assumed inhospitable atti- for the well wishers of European peace, out at the dinner of the "National" tudes, and now Castro is on board a The Balkan trouble is not yet entirely Democratic Club in this town. We tudes, and now Castro is on board a The Balkan trouble is not yet entirely Democratic Club in this town. We House it permitted the members to free themselves of the speeches demanded by the local content of can't see that the occasion would have selves of the speeches demanded by the local content. for Europe. He may or may not be ill. Crete terminates this summer. Inter- been fuller of the wind of illusion if the as he pretends, but he seems to be going nal dissensions and civil war in Turkey Democratic Æolus had been summoned back to the old country, where no doubt would seriously complicate these questhe great European concert will be able tions for a consideration by European the aggression of Germany and Austria- ages who spoke, doubtless to the best It is all very simple, perhaps it is Hungary in the Near East. In the tur- of their abilities. The mere sight of amusing from a certain point of view; moil Turkey cannot but lose the symbut meanwhile what, we wonder, are pathy which she now enjoys, and the

The Scout Cruiser Trials.

protector and their policeman, which her rivals the Salem and the Birmingham What is it? Why must the feet of the has evidently approved if it has not was not unexpected. The Birmingham faithful be so cold? ton sounds highly suggestive of aston- engines not standing comparison well do for itself and the comfort of the ington Government will join them at the turbine design) draws away from the most of them borrowed or unfortunate. festal board. In the swift procession Salem. In a one hour run the Salem, are meant. "Some day" the Repubof edibles and the fast crowding waves however, made the best time: 26.88 licans, weakened by excess and durawill be discernible and the flow of elo- for the Birmingham. In a four hour gent or consistent opposition, by their vexing and discordant sounds; but with an average speed per hour of 26.52 the Democrats, to be sure, are always can we be quite sure that the assembled miles, to 25.94 for the Salem and 24.32 eager to share, by the ultimate perrepresentatives of the Spanish Ameri- for the Birmingham. In this test, ception perhaps by the ultimate concan countries will bring to the feast a leaving the Birmingham out of consid-sumer that he is milked too much, by perfectly contented appetite and cele- eration on account of her slower speed, their backsliding from conservatism. brate with care free hearts an insti- the Chester burned 38,332 pounds of by their prigging of Democratic-Poputution which permits, if indeed it has coal per hour, and the Salem 38,502. In listic policies—"some day" they will not expedited, such very unusual pro- a twenty-four hour run at twelve knots overstrain public patience, kick themceedings? Let us say that Castro is the Chester burned 4,091 pounds per selves out and leave the Democrats

lowed by his resumption of the Presi- to be made at full speed for twenty- while, a stiff upper lip, readiness for the dency and a consequent renewal of four hours—a severe strain on the mo- long wait and "Democratic principles," anxiety for the usurers and adventurers | tive power-and the Chester, which had | "Jeffersonian principles," "the ancient who have made that unhappy land the always shown a slight but unmistakable principles of the Democracy." theatre of their activities. Admit all superiority over the Salem, proved that Judge HARMON trotsed out some of this and more; but who, after all, she was the fastest scout in the United these hallowed relics, and he must forshould pronounce the final word in the States navy. Not only did the Chester give us for saying that they look in-

affairs of Venezuela unless it is the steam 12.80 more miles than the Salem, Venezuelans themselves, and what do 601.92 to 589.12, but the winner burned the Salem 24.54.

> It would be pleasant to hail the Chester speed of 25 knots required in the con- districts. Was it Governor HARMON'S tract, they expect in England that the intention to satirize the existing Demo-Indefatigable will be a 30 knot ship. cratic party? In this the Admiralty may be disapas the Boadicea will be; and she has a marks." He exhibits one: rapidly, the Germans have, however, 25.5 knot ship with heavier batteries than our own scouts. The Mainz will have twelve 4.1 inch guns and four 3 inch: whereas the Chester's armament consists of two 5 inch guns and six 3 inch guns. In England there is a tendency to turn to torpedo boat destroyers like the Swift (1,800 tons and 36 knots) for scouting work in emergencies. If large steaming radius is required the new class of giant cruisers. which can go into the line with battleships, will be available. In speed in all types, battleship, cruiser, destroyer, we do not keep up with England.

The Reformation of Literature.

The Senate at Albany has already passed the bill which we reproduce in

full herewith: A person who, by writing or printing, or by circular or letter, handbill, placard, chart, sum mary, telegraph, telephone, news ticker, or any statement setting forth the betting odds which have been offered, which are being offered or which are expected to be offered upon the result of any nations fame is an attorney for the soap of man or beast, whether held within or without shall take place advertises or publishes any in terms of any pools sold or offered for sale, or of any bets or wagers made or offered to be made shall be glad to devote our best enerwithin or without the State, upon any such trial. gies. There are so few of us left whose Another seriously disturbing incident contest or result, or with respect to any tips activities are entirely above reproach

We direct the attention of the book Pasha. KIAMIL Pasha himself issued a this measure. Under its terms the ties resulted, and in one of these the edian account of any historic sporting In the wake of these disturbances a record of the wagers made on the

The elimination of many famous pas-

manage her own domestic affairs, for teaching of fanatics and the circulation certain of the most famous men in hisof course he could have been put ashore of false reports until it has developed tory must be rewritten if their publish-

The virtue, wisdom and independence the highest respect and the warmest

A Jefferson Dinner.

A fine collection of husks was doled THE SUN of to-day from his Nebraska cave. This with all respect to the well meaning and more them must have been consoling. A United States. couple of Democratic Governors, a Democratic Senator from a Republican State: how the hearts of the hungry Easterners must have jumped. There must be some secret by which the poor old party can creep back into power and have places for its long expectant sons.

to struggle with bad times, the proud

"exalting the national Government at less coal, 415 to 420 tons. The Bir- the expense of the State." Delicious, in mingham withdrew at the end of twelve view of the last national Democratic Things are running along very merrily hours, her best run being 24.07 knots. platform's cry for a Federal license of The Chester averaged 25.08 knots, and interstate corporations. He jeered at the vast import to the country and to all the Republicans because they "are deas an ideal scout for war, but to do so diminished means of the people." Beauwould be to disregard the fact that she tiful, when we remember the Democould not run away from the new Brit- cratic national cry for an income tax ish giant cruisers of the Indomitable and hear just now from Washington divided in opinion as to the feasibility of the and would fall an easy victim to their are trying to foist such a tax upon the big guns. In February another formida- country. "Taxation is primarily a able cruiser, the Indefatigable, of 18,000 means of revenue and not of private tons, was laid down at Devonport; her gain": see the Democratic Senators and design calls for a speed of 28 knots, and Representatives grabbing private gain as the Indomitable easily exceeded the for the industries of their States and

> Then there was that amiable accident pointed, but it can count on 28 knots. from Indiana the Hon. Tom MARSHALL. The Chester may be compared to her We see his eye in a fine frenzy rolling as advantage with the Boadicea and At- he adjures the assembled patriots and tentive types of British scouts. Her sages, including the Hon. ALTON B. engineers of the country, thoroughly conspeed is as great; she is better armed PARKER and the Hon. NORMAN MACK, han the Attentive, and about as well to "Remove Not the Ancient Land- that it would be an absolutely safe proposi-

> superior cruising radius. In the Mainz | "Though a few of the people of America are | \$500,000,000, and that he would be ready to type of small cruisers (of 4,232 tons to dreaming that this is to be a rich man's Govern- take the contract. the Chester's 3,750), which are building ment, maintained as all democracies of the past millions are in the nightmare of despair. The hour of a new day soon will strike, and when it strikes it will be for revolution or for a return stricted for twenty-first century shipping. to ancient principles."

An ancient landmark, indeed. The poppycock he conveyed it from.

These be thy gods, O Israel!

There is but one Skowhegan, but how many of our esteemed friends now present know that there are two Oshkoshes and three Kalamazoos?

It is foolish to think that man can ever be made toral by legislation. - The Hon. JOHN RAINES. We think, however, that the author of the Raines law will be the first to concede the possibility of making man immoral by statute.

An anonymous and therefore manifestly malicious correspondent writes WADHAMS of Wadhams and direct nomitrust. We don't believe it. We never will believe it. We regard this as a vile and sneaking attack of the "special interests" themselves. We should never give it publicity if we did not believe an opportunity should be opened to the Hon. Mr. Wadhams to refute so gross a slander and repel so base an insinuation. To such a refutation, with his help, we

Dangerous Dogs at Large.

THE SUN an account of a lady being badly bitten by a buildog, which first attacked a cocker spanher in a most savage manner, I would like to ask if some law could not be passed to prevent savage dogs being allowed at large?

My experience has been that buildogs are

often a serious menace to inoffensive dogs of nonfighting or quarrelsome breeds, and also to the owners of such. Quite lately several of my neighbors have had their pet dogs savagely worried by buildogs, and not long ago my own dog, a cocker spaniel which I was leading by a leash, a jumping contest, and includes therein to get his dog away, and appeared to think it

a case which occurred about two years ago near Montfeal: a horse ridden by a gentleman was attacked by a buildog; the dog first of all fastened on to the horse, which, maddened with fear, threw his rider, who was then attacked by the dog and occurred near Toronto, Ontario, when a boy hathing in the lake was attacked by one of these dogs, and as nearly as possible drowned, as well

as terribly bitten. Bulldogs when well behaved may be the delightful companions their owners say they are, but when one knows from experience how say-ful gerrymandering of the recent canal and with what tenacity they will retain their to face when she takes her walks abroad

More Wickedness : the Constitution Repealed. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Nothing and he more opportune than this paragraph in

"The Payne tariff bill has served its purpose. It provided the excuse for the discussion in the foundation on which the members of the Senate will erect the tariff law of 1909."

Here we have in half a dozen lines your real views of the minority, which of course were opinion of the House rules. You proclaim satisfaction, as you may with confidence, that the to control him in some species of polite Powers already at a tension through or less temporarily conspicuous personin revenue legislation has demitted its functions and practically ceased to exist. Thus do Reed Cannon rules repeal the Constitution of the W. S. H. WASHINGTON, April 12.

In Central Park.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Divinest Sun that shines for all and jumps on most of 'em! Consider Central Park, of which you have been an efficient and ferocious watchdog! The roads thereof are saturated with oil, smelly Odor of earth and flowers, and green things Shades of Communipawi agrowing. NEW YORK, April 11. P.

The Street Preacher. He stepped to the curb of the street And stood where a weary lamp Was struggling with fog and damp, Where the pulse of a city beat. He threw down his cap on the walk

And then to a crowd such as comes From the tenements and slums Began an impassioned talk: in a darkness as black as pitch? nev makes no man rich

And I offer you Christ and hope

"If blind lead the blind it is sure

The blind will fall in the ditch.
For money makes no man rich And poverty no man poor. He was shabby, serene and wan.

And the jeering crowd he faced Scoffed him and scattered in haste As the officer said, "Move on In the evident self-content Of the crowd I could not share

Who knew what the speaker incant If money makes no man iich. I know well, and so do you, That he stands in the highest niche I must grope and continue to grope,

Because on occasions like these We mind is unable to seize The philosophy of hope. As money makes no man rich have thought me often since Was the man a pauper or prince;

Can you tell me right surely which?

IRONQUILL

Another Impressive Summary of

Facts of a Remarkable Situation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have future ages of a proper decision as to the vising additional taxes to exact from the type of canal at Panama to give him a short statement of the controversy between sea level and locks. This is what I told him:

1. Engineers of the highest repute are

2. All agree that the sea level is practicable provided cost and time are not factors. 3. All sailors know that a sea level channel is preferable.

4. The latter can be built with better curves than those of Suez, and for little more ultimate expense than the Government lock plan.

5. No business man would agree to tak the Government contract for locks and guarantee to turn it over to the Government for \$400,000,000, as the guarantee would lines that our experience here lies." involve too many doubtful elements. On the other hand, one of the most prominent versant with both sides, has lately said tion for a syndicate to finish the sea level for | ter of no importance.

6. The sea level will be for all time; the water supply, earthquakes or the "upstairs and down again" system becomes too re-

7. Both Presidents Roosevelt and Taft were originally in favor of sea level. Hon. Tom Marshall should return it to Panama was chosen against Nicaragua the place where he found it, the Ocala on that account. Therefore it is due to the platform or the Omaha or whatever country that it should know whether or other mount of calamitous sawdust and not the change in plans was made for some political, diplomatic or other reason.

8. The battle of the levels is now being unfairly fought by the Government, as it is undoubtedly a sign of weak argument solution of the problem. On the other hand, the advocates of the lock plan in the Government service have free rein to express their ideas in the press. The writer has the views of a score of naval officers, but not for publication and a possible subsequent reprimand from the high authority on service matters now occupy ing the position of Secretary of

Permit me to reiterate the request of "Mariner" in this morning's SUN that you will kindly print a few letters from seafaring men begging for a lock canal.

NEW YORK, April 13. EX-NAVY. The Demand of the Disinterested for an

Impartial Commission. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In the current discussion concerning the type f the Panama Canal considerable irritation has been evinced by the technical

disputants in consequence of the intrusion

of so-called lay interests. especially its commercial interests, is vitally nterested in the success or failure of this project has been wholly ignored and the mpression created that it is nothing more than a more or less acrimonious debate nicians. Ten years ago the nation emerged the recognized first class Powers of the upon this enterprise, probably the most ect ever undertaken. It is manifest that down would entail the loss of national prestige at this stage would be nothing short of calamitous. Nothing succeeds like success, nothing fails like failure; and national

ion and nothing is more certain When a bulldog or a dog with much of that of the far reaching consequences of faildays go by that the engineering profession canal issue, and this knowledge, taken in conjunction with several recent occurrences of a disturbing nature, has created an uneasy feeling of misgiving and distrust on the part of the public—a feeling that all is not going well. Probably the most potent not going well. of the incidents that are mainly responsi-

ful gerrymandering of the recent canal

commission and the previous determination of the character of its report. ger to the already long list that a woman has ing Engineers was appointed by President ditions in their districts, and it now furnishes the dation of the canal board and in spite of the

> another commission, it was perfectly well the known that the Administration was in all grew probability irrevocably committed to the lock type of canal, and it was apparent that this bias was so strongly manifested that it could not possibly fail to influence the members of the proposed commission, be they ever so learned, able or upright. It is scarcely necessary to go into the converse of this proposition and inquire verse of lock type of canal, and it was apparent that which connies used solely to keeping the which connies used solely to keeping the which connections of the commission. It is all very strange. Here is the comdestined to accompany President Taft to the Isthmus were known beforehand to the Isth the Isthmus were known beforehand to the members were nominated by Mr. Alfred Noble, himself a member of the minority of the international board of 1906 and a strong partisan of the lock type. Moreover, two of the members of the new commission were already committed to the lock type, and two more were engineers in the employ of the United States Government, both having been previously appointed by President Roosevelt

It is submitted by Engineering News that no higher authority on dam construction exists than this same commission of seven, but it is nowhere even alleged that they are equally well qualified to pass upon ship canal construction. Nevertheless they reported that the international board, admittedly the highest authority in the world in all that pertains to the construction of ship canals, was in error in its majority report of 1908. Into this report of the commission was read by the national Executive the following remarkable dictum: In fact, this report not only determines definitely the type of canal but makes and now the community, settled originally by it evident that hereafter attack on this type-the lock type-is in reality merely attack upon the policy of building any at all." This statement was subsequently made even stronger and the off ender became an enemy of his country, &c. This attempt to dispose of the enemies of the Gatun dam and at the same stroke dam the tide of adverse criticism has not been eminently successful, but it has shown that the Administration was hard pressed by the enemies of its policy. At the same time it has effectually gagged all of the public officials.

Another disquieting incident is that, of Naw York, April 14,

eluctably droll. He protested against THE BATTLE OF THE LEVELS. the recent slip of the Panama Railroad embankment, to which, as stated in THE SUN'S editorial of March 27, "but little importance is attached": "Colon, March 25-A section 300 feet long of the embankment TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I have been asked to-day by a man who recognizes settled about thirty feet * * * and little importance has attached to the occurrence. When, however, we examine the incident in the light of the testimony given before the House committee January 6 and 7, 1909 (pages 30 and 119), it would appear that too much importance could not be given it.

testifies: "Slip after slip occurred during the every person of intelligence, and while construction of the embankment for the re- the enthusiastic expressions concerning location of the Panama Railroad at Gatun, where the bottom is more treacherous than at the dam site. In this instance the base was gradually widened until sufficiently spread to transmit to the underlying material less than the latter is capable of bear- and artificial, there is no reason to suning. The embankment is satisfactorily completed, and is an example of the method to be oilowed in the construction of the Gatun dam. Major Sibert before the same committee

says: "We get on the 1sthmus a great deal of experience in that line in connection with dumps, and especially with the fills of the Panama Railroad, and it is in these two

It is to be noted that when the experiment as an actual demonstration of the feasibility when this identical stretch of fill collapsed, as it did on March 25, then it became a mat-

Still another unfortunate break has been he constant iteration of the statement to the effect that upon a basis of equal expenditure of time and money the lock canal is have been maintained, by a moneyed aristocracy, lock canal, until possible seepage, lack of preferable to the sea level type. In the absence of qualifying facts and arguments the statement outrages common sense, and thus far these facts have not been forthcoming

> There is nothing more apparent than the fact that the canal board is on the defensive and that the whole situation is veiled in the gravest of doubts. It is difficult to why or upon what reasonable grounds the Administration should oppose the creanot only in the matter of dam construction but also in the relatively more important branch of ship canal construction. It should be so constituted as to be above the suspicion of being a mere "whitewashing to muzzle the opinion of naval men, who of board, and it might not be amiss to add to all people are most interested in the proper its personnel a few judicially minded laymen to whom invective and argument on the one hand and facts and dogmatic statements on the other are not inter-

changeably synonymous terms. History is replete with examples of powerful Governments rushing blindly into an abyss invisible only to themselves, and and impartially decided on its merits that history is about to repeat itself in the case of the American republic. But it is clear that no chance should be taken that human intelligence can anticipate or that human reason can provide against. Beyond a question the Government itself is hampered by the prevailing alarm, and if for no other reason than to allay public uneasiness a properly qualified commission should be sent without delay-a comnission that is wholly above board and which commands general confidence. MONTCLAIR, April 14. C. B. WHITE.

UNCLE SAM, SOCIALIST. Governmental Collectivism in the Canal Zone.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: There a little country from which I have just returned, some two thousand miles to the outh of New York city, where everything which it exerts, and no one can fail to is done in new and wonderful ways. There realize not only the deterioration in effithe Government is all in all, and though the individual does not seem to wither, the danger to which the Government is thererace is more and more.

This interesting land is the Canal Zone. a strip of territory forty-seven miles long and ten broad, across the 1sthmus of Panama. It is owned absolutely by United States, and Uncle Sam may be found there working night and day at all the jobs usually left to private initiative. Does one want food? Uncle Sam furnishes and delivers it at prices about the same as in New York. Does one want prestige is not only a matter of sentimental food cooked and served? Uncle Sam is consideration but a property of moral and ready at half a hundred places with meals greater importance is now before the na- He runs a railroad and a steamship line and a weekly newspaper. He gives free quar ters to all his helpers and their families. Did any one ever blood in his veins attacks man or beast he is most ure, than that the public cannot afford to savage and dangerous. Readers may remember take any chances.

The fair reaching consequences of fair termines and their families. So absolutely ugly, as those things? Understanding the provides them with clothing at cut stand me, we are not criticising, but in our prices. He manufactures ice and sells it It is becoming increasingly evident as the for next to nothing. He bakes bread, pies estimation a peach basket hat is a dream average by that the engineering profession and cakes and delivers them at consumers of loveliness in comparison. After all, it and cakes and delivers them at consumers' doors. Every week he turns out and delivers more than 800 gallons of ice cream. He imports and sells Havana cigars at the price of Connecticut imitations. He washes, starches and irons linen, and mends, presses and sews buttons on outer garments. There isn't much that can be done for creature comfort that he doesn't do; and all his helpers (some 10,000 or 12,000 more), are sharers in this governmental paternal ism. It is not socialism, because, among other things, it lacks that fundamental basis of socialism, democracy; but it is the completest and greatest experiment in governmental collectivism that the world has ever seen.

But this is not all. In so great an underis hopelessly divided against itself on this doors. Every week he turns out and de-

In 1906 the International Board of Consulting Engineers was appointed by President Roosevelt with a personnel of five foreign and eight American engineers, each of the former being nominated by his respective Government as his country's recognized expert in ship canal construction. In due course this international board reported in favor of the sea level type of canal by the impressive majority of eight to five, not-withstanding which report the Administration, acting in pursuance of the recommendation of the canal board and in spite of the vigorously expressed opposition of Rear Admiral Mordecai T. Endicott, adopted the views of the minority, which of course were in favor of the lock canal.

When as a result of the serious agitation of December, 1908, it was decided to appoint another commission, it was perfectly well.

ons property of them when ordered custard.

Now be it remembered that Mr. Bishop grew up under the tutorship of that intractable preacher of laisesz faire the late E. L. Godkin. For many years Mr. Bishop, in many labored and profound editorials in many labored his pen in deprecating all

the Isthmus were known beforehand to the canal board, when it is recalled that all the canal board, when it is recalled that all the the most individualistic individual in the world. It is maintained not out of conworld. It is maintained not out of conworld.

A Negro of the Old South

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In THE SUN of August 1, 1906, you allowed me to express my opinion of sundry negroes, among them Landon Johnson of Chillicothe, Mo. Will you give room to show that my estimate of Landon was shared in large measure by the community where he lived for over half a century?

For forty-three years he held the job of porter in a large store there. When he died recently his body was laid by the side of that of his former mistress or owner in the cemetery for the white folks. Years ago he purchased a lot in the new cemetery, removed to it the remains of his old mistress, and erected a monument to her memory. Southerners, has laid him by the side of that dearly loved mistress. R. W. BARKLEY.

NEW YORK April 14. Bad City Housekeeping.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str: Since water has always in New York city been held as an almost priceless commodity, not to be used reck lessly, much less wasted, it is a bit disconcerting to see that bubbling hydrant at the southeast corner of Greenwich and Liberty streets. It spells wastefulness; also general sloppines: What's the matter with the cop on that heat? The hydrant has been going on that way for ALBERT SPIES.

THE YOUNG TURKS AND THE TURKISH ARMY.

From an article by Lord Newton in the National Review for April. One conclusion at any rate may be arrived at with some certainty. There is a general consensus of opinion that a return to the old state of things is quite out of the question, and that whatever happens the corrupt and paralyzing rule of the Palace party will never be reestab. Before this committee Colonel Goethals lished. This is the firm conviction of the benefits of the new régime which are heard in the most unexpected quarters, even within the precincts of Yildiz itself may occasionally sound somewhat forced

pose that the general confidence is not

justified.

The revolution was almost entirely the work of the military. Had the Sultan and his advisers been wise enough to keep the army in good humor it could never have taken place at all, but with inconceivable shortsightedness they contrived to alienate the most long suffering force in the world by continual injustice, ill treatment and favoritism, and by so doing converted it into the instrument for their own destruction. The army was the prime mover in the revolution; it is the deciding factor in the present situation. and so long as it supports-or perhaps it would be more correct to say inspires-Parliament, a relapse into Palace rule appears an impossibility.

There remains one other most disquieting symptom which seems seriously to threaten the future of constitutional government in Turkey, and that is the action of the Committee of Union and Progress itself as revealed by the recent fall & Kiamil Pasha. After the peaceful meeting of the new Parliament it was hoped that the committee having carried out the revolution with such astonishing success would consent to retire and emancipate the new constitutional institutions from the domination of an occult and irresponsible authority. Undoubtedly until the fall of Křamil Pasha the belief was entertained in the diplomatic world at Constantinople that the committee was a spent force. Events have unfortunately shown this to have been a delusion, and have also incidentally shown how difficult it is

to discover a well concealed Oriental intrigue. In Salonika, the original stronghold of the Young Turkish movement, the fall of the Grand Vizier caused much less surprise. Officers of the garrison during the crisis were constantly telegraphing their orders to Constantinople and the fleet sailed to the Bosporus for the purpose of assisting the committee should force be required. There are those who profess to consider this incident as a mere advance in parliamentary government and as a salutary check to reactionary tendencies. It would be more accurate to recognize in it the influence of the army and the determination of the officers who brought about the revolution to keep the control of the political machine in their own hands.

No one can fail to observe the extent to which the Turkish army now participates in politics or the overwhelming influence ciency which must result from it, but the by exposed.

DRESS AND THE BALLOT. The Peach Basket Hat in Comparison

With Man's Nether Garments. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: For "T.'s" flattering attention we thank him and we are gratified to observe that he is abreast of the times on one subject at leas I do not refer to the spring styles in mi

We could if we would make some drasti criticisms on the garb that the male man has chosen to adopt; the trousers, for instance may be a mere matter of taste, and our sense

a most unlawful and tyrannous proceeding, and greater cause for revolution, than our forebears ever had; and we are having it. Perhaps Mr. "T" doesn't know it yet, but nevertheless it is here, and the end is not far off. It is a woman's revolution, and differs somewhat from the precedent established by our male ancestors; but this is our way of doing it, and when our object is accomplished, as it will be, we will have established a precedent unknown in the annals of history, a revolution without the shedding of one drop of blood.

of history, a revolution without the sneumof of one drop of blood.

Whether or not we will use good or bad judgment in helping to govern our country remains to be seen. This oligarchical government by males has not been an unqualfied success, and if we follow in their footsteps then God help the country!

New York, April 14.

J. W.

The Manufacturer's View of the Stocking

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I do not lesire to advance an argument for or against the tariff on hosiery, but I would like to suggest a more sane view for its opponents, the women's organizations, as well as some of the large bus ness interests affected, more particularly the importers. The talk of the women and girls of the working class being made the victims of greed is nonsense. Some suffragettes have gonso far as to cite the tariff increase as an argumen in favor of woman suffrage, as though the wear ing of stockings was confined to the female se Then we have a very intelligent gentleman assuming that prices may soar and women may be forced to paint their legs

lieu of fancy hosiery. The fact is that the working people has been getting the hostery that is not affected by the tariff except indirectly. The competition of of prices being advanced. Retailing in the stores at 25 cents, there is a class of single th foreign goods which, so far as practical wear a value are concerned, are much inferior to w is known as two thread scamless goods on domestic machines. The stocking i The stocking know domestic manufacturer is also making. loss. It is to cover this loss that the induty, which is less than two cents a pair. In

asked for. NEW YORK, April 14. Mr. Newkirk Resents a Slander

Braden correspondence (shkosh H Some one started the story that I had b "knocking down" on the dance money belong to school district 17. I wish to state to the peo of the district or whom it may concern that a double faced llar without principle or brain-Any one wishing to find out the financial condition of the district, amount collected from dance & .. can do so by looking up the records in the District Treasurer's book, which i which is open to in W. H. NEWKIRK.

Catcher and Caugne. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: May Fisher & Fish of Three Rivers, Mich., hook on?

BROOKLYN, April 13. The Vegetarian.

Nebuchadnezzar was cating grass.
"Yes," he remarked, "I have come down to being a consumer." Herewith he regretted his lost estate.